Town of Penfield Supervisor's Column

Week of February 15, 2016

Last week I had the honor of presenting the “Business & Commerce Update” to the Penfield Business Association (PBA) at their annual meeting. This is a great opportunity to update the PBA about new businesses looking to come into town, DPW projects in the works for the upcoming construction season, and provide a synopsis of the 2015/2016 budgets.

The PBA recognized and honored the recipients of the 2015 Annual Business Awards that included Business of the Year (Tim Horton's Penfield), the Daniel Penfield Award (Wally Ashnault), and the Penfield Pride Award (Mark's Pizzeria Penfield). Congratulations to these award winners; all of them, as well as all of the businesses in Penfield, make a difference each and every day to our overall quality of life...thank you!

I would like to recognize the Town Employee Wellness Team and all of our employees for being named a 2015 “Gold Fit-Friendly Worksite.” Penfield was selected by the American Heart Association for building a culture of wellness and for providing our employees with more options to make healthy choices and helping to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Great job team and congratulations!

The Town Board has been reviewing annual goals and priorities with department heads. This process begins along with the budget process in July of each year. As the budget is finalized all department heads, working with their teams, make final adjustments and updates and then use these plans to accomplish their goals for the current year. I would like to thank all of the departments for their efforts on this initiative.

I am reminded by the American Red Cross that they are in constant need of donations, especially O negative, A negative, B negative and AB donors. Blood and platelet donations are needed every day for patients with many serious medical conditions. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease may need blood. To find the closest donation center to you please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or www.redcrossblood.org. Thank you in advance, one donation can help save up to three lives.

With the current wintery mix we have recently experienced, it is a good time to start thinking ahead to spring planting. The Penfield Community Victory Garden is a space for our residents to practice organic gardening with like-minded individuals. The garden, located on three acres of town-owned land at 1747 Five Mile Line Road, is run by volunteers and donations. Bed rentals are still available for the coming season. For more information on becoming a part of this wonderful organization go to www.penfieldvictorygarden.org.

There is still an opportunity to be considered for the Shadow Pines/Shadow Lake resident committee to study the future use of these properties. As the Town Board continues the process of establishing a moratorium for the properties, we are looking for interested parties to participate. If you have an interest in being considered for this committee, please send an email to supervisor@penfield.org. We will close the loop back with everyone who has asked to be involved to let you know if you were, or were not, selected. The Town Board will look to complete this process over the next month. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Until next week stay warm, drive according to the weather conditions, and be well...be safe.

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